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On 15 April 1949, a member of the Directing Committee of the Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI) Milan Provincial Federation reportedly made the following observations:

- a. PCI members are concerned over the present political situation and feel certain that the Party will eventually be outlawed. Precautionary measures are being prepared for this emergency. Every month large sums of money are given to lesser known leaders of the Party who, in case the party is outlawed, are to reach assigned zones in Italy, and hide for as long a time as is required by the situation, meanwhile directing the clandestine activity which the Party will begin; and
- b. The PCI is awaiting orders from Moscow to plan its future political course. At present two projects are under discussion at Moscow for the future clandestine activity of Communist Parties:
 - (1) To act at once in the West, provoking a war. With this course, it is expected that the Communist Parties in the West would be outlawed immediately and would pass to clandestine activity; and
 - (2) The temporary abandonment of every form of fight in the West, while the Eastern bloc is being reinforced and prepared. In this case the Soviet Union would give up any ambition in Western Europe for a period of seven or eight years, while building up the war potential of the East to the utmost.

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